

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Frances E. Vest of Buffalo, Missouri, will celebrate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday when her son, Douglas, returns from Iraq; and

**Whereas**, on April 21, 1915, in Springfield, Missouri, God brought a special gift to George and Minnie Gillham with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Frances, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Frances Vest had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her forty-eight-year marriage to Leo Weldon Vest (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Frances Vest with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children and their spouses, Carolyn Gilpert of Dallas, Texas, George and Betty Vest and Leo Weldon and Gala Vest of Buffalo, and Stewart "Douglas" and Cathi Vest of Clinton; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Frances Vest further distinguished herself as a teacher in Dallas and Polk counties, as co-owner with her husband of L&F Truck Stop and Wrecker Service, and as President of the VFW; and

**Whereas**, Frances Vest derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with Crossroads Baptist Church in Buffalo; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 90, Frances Vest is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Frances Vest at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Frances E. Vest, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2763, adopted May 2, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker